EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER October 2001

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Announcements

"Terrorism Information and Resources" To assist law enforcement agencies, EOPS has compiled a listing of articles and web sites relating to terrorism. They are provided under the "Resources" and "Web Sites" sections of this newsletter.

"Systems Improvement Grant 1st Quarter Reports Due" Systems Improvement Grant recipients are reminded that 1st quarter financial and progress reports are now due to the EOPS Programs Division. To receive reimbursement for project expenditures, departments must also submit a signed payment voucher. Grantees can download all forms at: www.state.ma.us/cci/simp.htm.

"School Safety by Management and Design" A satellite videoconference on school safety from the Hamilton Fish Institute will be telecast on October 25, 2001. It will feature three ongoing demonstrations of school safety programs. Pre-recorded presentations and members of a live, interactive panel will discuss strategies for school safety through leadership, management, and design. This broadcast is designed for educators, school administrators, boards of education, parents, law enforcement agencies, government officials and policymakers, youth services organizations, community agencies, public health professionals, and all others interested in school safety. To register as a downlink site, please contact Becky Ritchie, Eastern Kentucky University, 859-622-6163 (telephone), 859-622-4397 (fax), or ekutro@aol.com (e-mail), by October 18. To obtain further information (or register online), you may visit the videoconference Web site at: hamfish.org/eyents/7/

"The Comprehensive Strategy for Serious, Violent, and Chronic Juvenile Offenders" The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) in association with the Juvenile Justice Telecommunications Assistance Project (JJTAP) of Eastern Kentucky University will broadcast a videoconference on Thursday, November 1, 2001, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. EST. The Comprehensive Strategy provides a framework of strategic responses at the local, State, and national levels and assists communities in creating a multi-disciplinary continuum of care that includes prevention programs for children, early intervention in the lives of juvenile offenders, and graduated sanctions for repeat offenders. The broadcast will also be available for viewing, via satellite, on both C-band and KU-band and will be cybercast on the Internet. For further information, please contact Jenny McWilliams at 859-622-6671 (telephone) or ekujjtap@aol.com. You may also visit the videconference Web site at http://www.juvenilenet.org/

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH (DVAM)

Across the country, battered women's advocates will join with government officials, corporations, unions, health care providers, faith-based groups and others to organize DVAM activities that raise public awareness about domestic violence. DVAM activities can be national, statewide, or local in scope, ranging from national public awareness campaigns with million dollar budgets to local recognition ceremonies designed with very little funding. But the goals of most DVAM activities are similar: to raise awareness about the prevalence and cost of domestic violence, the need for prevention and the availability of services for victims of abuse. Listed below, are some activities scheduled in Massachusetts.

"Domestic Violence" (2001, 195 minutes) is a film by Fred Wiseman, a documentary filmmaker. Filmed in Tampa, Florida, it shows the police responding to domestic violence calls and the work of The Spring at Tampa Bay, the principal shelter in Tampa for battered women and their children. Sequences with the police include police response, intervention, and attempted resolution of domestic violence calls. Sequences at The Spring include intake interviews, individual counseling sessions, anger management training, group therapy, staff meetings, and conversations among clients and between clients and staff.

The viewing times are **Thursday**, **Oct. 18 at 6:30 PM and Saturday**, **Oct. 20 at 10:30 AM** with post screening panel discussion. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$7 for students, seniors, and Museum of Fine Arts members. Purchase tickets in advance through the MFA's Remis Auditorium Box Office or by calling 617-369-3770. The MFA is located at 465 Huntington Avenue in Boston and on the Arborway "E" train of the Green Line.

"Domestic Violence: Opening Our Eyes" UMass Memorial Health Care Domestic Violence Prevention Program is holding its eighth annual conference on **Friday**, **October 26**, **2001**, 8:00am - 4:00pm at White Cliffs, Northborough, Massachusetts. This conference will provide an opportunity for health care providers, law enforcement officials, human service professionals, etc. to increase their knowledge and level of sensitivity regarding the epidemic of domestic violence. For additional information call 508-334-5211.

"Leading the Way: Peers Preventing Dating Violence and Sexual Assault" The goals of this conference are to 1) Inspire youth-led action against dating violence and sexual assault; 2) Educate youth and adult service providers about issues of dating violence and sexual assault and; 3) Foster collaboration between youth leaders, agencies that provide services to youth, and schools. The conference will be held on **Tuesday, November 6, 2001**, 8:00am - 4:30pm, at College of the Holy Cross,

Worcester, Massachusetts. The registration deadline in October 26, 2001. For additional information contact Jane Doe Inc., at 617-248-0922.

Funding Opportunities

From the State Government

"Fiscal Year 2002 Community Policing Update" Fiscal Year 2002 State-funded Community Policing Grant Program Requests for Responses (application packages) will be mailed to every police department in the Commonwealth after the *passage* of the Fiscal Year 2002 State Budget. Please be assured that the Executive Office of Public Safety Programs Division will make every effort to expedite the application and award process.

From the Federal Government

"Community Gun Violence Prosecution Program" The goals of this program are three-fold. (1) To allocate resources directly to chief prosecutors in order for them to assign assistant prosecutors who are dedicated to the prosecution agencies, (2) to improve the long-term ability of prosecution agencies to more fully address the issues of firearm-related violent crime within their jurisdictions, and (3) to deter fire-arm related violent crime through the swift certainty of prosecution.

Application Deadline: REVISED DUE DATE: October 31, 2001

<u>Eligibility Requirements</u>: State, county, city, and tribal public prosecutors offices, including the state attorney general office.

<u>Maximum Award Amount:</u> Resources under this program are intended to cover 80% of the salary and benefit costs of full-time prosecutors, up to a maximum of \$40,000 per year per prosecutor. Applicants serving populations smaller than 150,000 may request funding for one or two prosecutors. Applicants serving populations over150,000 may request funding for three or four prosecutors.

Number of Awards Made: Dependent on number of applications received.

Grant Period: Three years.

"Crime Mapping Research: Funding for Spatial Data Analysis" http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/crimemap.pdf

The National Institute of Justice's (NIJ) Crime Mapping Research Center (CMRC) requests proposals for research that utilizes and/or develops leading-edge spatial and analytic methods. NIJ's areas of interest include: continued development of crime-forecasting models; spatial analysis techniques for discrete criminal events; innovative uses of spatial analyses to assess criminal justice system policies and practices; spatial analytic approaches to identifying problems and evaluation solutions in rural, American Indian, and Alaskan Native communities; and comparative analyses of serial offender identification methods. Researchers without access to appropriate agency data are encouraged to consider using the collection of Data for GIS Analysis Available from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD).

Application Deadline: REVISED DUE DATE: November 19, 2001.

<u>Eligibility Requirements</u>: Not specified, however NIJ encourages researchers from all disciplines (including geography, criminology, sociology, anthropology, political science and public administration) to explore opportunities for collaborative efforts presented in this solicitation.

Maximum Award Amount: \$300,000 Number of Awards Made: 5-7 Grant Period: One year.

"Data Resources Program: Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data" http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000437.pdf

NIJ requests proposals to conduct original research using data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data. Topic areas include sentencing; adjudication; corrections; violence against women and family violence; drugs and crime; violence, including examination of the correlates of violent criminal behavior; and policing.

<u>Application Deadline</u>: REVISED DUE DATE: November 26, 2001, and January 25, 2002.

<u>Eligibility Requirements</u>: Researchers from all disciplines who are interested in basic research, and/or addressing topical criminal justice practice or policy concerns through the exploration and analysis of archived data are encouraged to apply.

Maximum Award Amount: \$35,000

Grant Period: One year

"Solicitation for Research on Sexual Violence FY2002" http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000489.pdf

NIJ is soliciting proposals for research on the sexual assault of women age 12 and older by strangers and non-strangers. Areas of interest include the effects of criminal justice reforms in the area of sexual assault; perpetrator's selection of victims; and the prevalence and incidence of sexual assault in specific understudied populations.

<u>Application Deadline</u>: Letters of Intent due November 29, 2001. Application deadline is January 4, 2002.

Maximum Award Amount: Funding total up to \$1 million.

Number of Awards Made: Four Grant Period: 12 to 24 months

From Private Foundations

"New Voices National Fellowship Program" http://newvoices.aed.org/

to small, U.S.-based nonprofit organizations and their Fellows working in racial justice and civil rights, migrant and refugee rights, women's rights, foreign policy, international economic policy, international human rights, and international peace and security.

Applications Deadline: January 15, 2002

Grant Period: 24 months

Foundation for the Improvement of Justice http://www.justiceawards.com/

The Foundation annually recognizes and awards up to ten nominees with a check for \$10,000 at an awards banquet in Atlantafor their accomplishment with innovative programs that have proven effective and can serve as models for others. Crime-prevention, victims' rights, alternative-sentencing, recidivism-reduction and other related organizations can apply for grants. These awards are not grants for future projects; or scholarships, and recipients are not required to render any further services as a condition of receiving an award.

<u>Application Deadline</u>: Nominations are accepted year-round, but must be received by June 1 for consideration for that year's awards.

<u>Eligibility Requirements</u>: This awards program is open to all except members of the Foundation, those related to them and previous winners. Self-nominations are not accepted. Programs must be nominated by third parties to be eligible for the awards, which recognize past program accomplishments.

The Hasbro Children's Foundation The Foundation supports the development and/or expansion of programs for children. under age 13, and who are economically disadvantaged. Local, community-oriented grants can range from \$500 to \$35,000. There is no deadline for submitting applications. http://www.hasbro.org/

Research and Statistics

"2000 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse" Among youths aged 12 to 17, 9.7% said they used illicit drugs at least once during the 30 days prior to the 2000 interview. This rate is almost identical to the rate for youth in 1999 (9.8%). Among youth aged 12 and 13, the rate of past month illicit drug use declined from 3.9% in 1999 to 3.0% in 2000. This change was primarily the result of a significant drop in inhalant use (from 1.3% to 0.7%). Alcohol use increased with age, from 2.4% at age 12 to a peak of 65.2% for persons 21 years old. http://www.samhsa.gov/hhsurvey/hhsurvey.html

"Juvenile Delinquency Probation Caseload, 1989-1998" Courts with juvenile jurisdiction handled nearly 1.8 million delinquency cases in 1998. Probation supervision was the most severe disposition in about 38% of all delinquency cases. The number of cases placed on probation increased 56% between 1989 and 1998. http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/fs200134.pdf

"Drug Offense Cases in Juvenile Court, 1989-1998" Drug offenses accounted for 11% of delinquency cases in 1998, compared with 8% in 1994. The number of drug offense cases processed during 1998 was 108% greater than in 1993 and 148% greater than in 1989. http://www.ncirs.org/pdffiles1/oiidp/fs200136.pdf

"The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in the U. S., Canada and Mexico" Some 105,000 substantiated or indicated cases of child sexual abuse occur in the U.S. each year. The majority of this abuse is perpetrated against children 12 years of age or younger and nearly all of it occurs in the privacy of the child's own home (84%). The majority (96%) of all confirmed child sexual abuse cases are perpetrated by persons known either to the child or to the child's family (49%), or by members of the child's own family (47%). Only a small number of substantiated child sexual assaults are committed by strangers (4%). http://caster.ssw.upenn.edu/~restes/CSEC_Files/Exec_Sum_010919.pdf

"Animal Abuse and Youth Violence" This report describes psychiatric, psychological, and criminal research linking animal abuse to violence perpetrated by juveniles and adults. Self-reports of animal abuse by men experiencing paternal corporal punishment (spanking, slapping, or hitting) in adolescence were 2.4 times higher than for men who were not physically disciplined (57.1% and 23.1%, respectively). http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/188677.pdf

"Crimes Against Children by Babysitters" Babysitters are responsible for a relatively small portion of the reported criminal offenses against children: 4.2% of all offenses for children under age 6—less than the percentage accounted for by family members or strangers. Among the reported offenses that babysitters commit, sex crimes outnumber physical assaults nearly two to one. Children most at risk of physical assaults by babysitters are younger (ages 1–3) than those at risk of sex crimes (ages 3–5). Males constitute the majority of sex-offending babysitters reported to the police (77%) and females make up the majority of physical assaulters (64%). http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/189102.pdf

"Truancy Reduction: Keeping Students in School" In 1998, truancy accounted for 26% of all formally handled status offense cases, representing an 85% increase in truancy cases in juvenile court since 1989. This report provides an overview of the problem of truancy; describes the correlations of family, school, economic, and student factors with truancy; notes truancy's role as a predictor of delinquency, including juvenile daytime crime; and tallies truancy's social and financial impacts. http://www.ncirs.org/pdffiles1/ojidp/188947.pdf

"2001 School Resource Officer Survey" A survey conducted by the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) found that 84% of school resource officers said crimes on school campuses nationwide are underreported. However, 86% said that the presence of a police officer on campus improves the accuracy of school crime reporting. Seventy percent (70%) of the respondents reported having direct contact with 31 or more students each school day, with 39% reporting contact with over 100 students per day. http://www.nasro.org/2001NASROsurvey.pdf

"Hate Crimes Reported in NIBRS, 1997-99" In 60% of hate crime incidents, the most serious offense was a violent crime, most commonly intimidation or simple assault. The majority of incidents motivated by race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or disability involved a violent offense, while two-thirds of incidents motivated by religion involved a property offense, most commonly vandalism. Younger offenders were responsible for most hate crimes; 31% of violent offenders and 46% of property offenders were under age 18. http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/hcrn99.pdf

"Trends in State Parole, 1990-2000" Nationwide, after more than a decade of rapid growth, the number of adults under State parole supervision has nearly stabilized - increasing by 0.7% per year since 1992. From 1990 to 2000, the State parole population grew at a slower rate than the State prison population. During this period, parolees increased 30%, compared to a 75% increase for State prisoners. Forty-two percent (42%) of parole discharges in 1999 successfully completed supervision. http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/tsp00.pdf

"State-Funded Indigent Defense Services, 1999" In 1999, State governments provided 90% or more of the funding for indigent criminal defense services in 21 States, an increase of 4 States since 1982. The number of private attorney appointments ranged from 200 in Oregon to 4,800 in Massachusetts. http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/sfids99.pdf

"National Highway Traffic Safety Transportation Report" Forty percent (40%) of all highway deaths in 2000 involved alcohol, up 2% over 1999. http://www.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/announce/press/pressdisplay.cfm?year=2001&filename=pr49-01.html

"Cigarette Smoking among Adults - United States, 1999" Twenty-three percent (23%) of adults, or about 46 million people, smoked regularly in 1999, a slight decline from 24% in 1998 and 25% in 1993. http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5040a1.htm

Resources

"Responding to Hate Crimes: A Roll Call Training Video for Police Officers" This 20-minute video presents major steps in responding to and investigating potential hate crimes, and is supplemented by an instructor's guide for an additional 30 minutes of instruction. The instructors guide 1) Answers frequently asked questions; 2) Examines the importance of identifying bias indicators; and 3) Presents case studies to facilitate group discussion. Up to 5 copies of the video (NCJ 179015) and accompanying instructor's guide (NCJ 180808) are free and may be ordered by calling 800-688-4252.

"Sexual Violence Prevention: A Catalog of Educational Materials" This reference provides descriptions of resources that programs might acquire and use to enhance their sexual assault prevention and education efforts.

http://www.vahealth.org/civp/SVP_Resource_Catalog.pdf

"Domestic Violence Awareness: Tips, Tactics & Resources" This resource was developed by the Domestic Violence Awareness Project to help battered women's advocates develop and implement public awareness campaigns for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) and throughout the year. http://www.vawnet.org/vnl/library/general/DVA_Tips/DVA_Tips.html

"Elder Abuse Awareness Kit: A Resource Kit for Protecting Older People and People with Disabilities" This is a free comprehensive resource designed to help agencies and individuals increase awareness of adult abuse. www.elderabusecenter.org/basic/speakers.pdf

"Using Technology to Enable Collaboration" This report discusses the technology initiatives identified through a Denver community needs assessment as critical to achieving the VS2000 goal: a seamless, accessible system of services for all crime victims. The Denver VS2000 technology initiative has three components: an online Resource Directory, an online Training Center, and an automated, online client Case Management System. An interactive Web site connects these and links to other victim service providers. http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/bulletins/ut 8 2001/welcome.html

Terrorism Resources

"Guide for the Selection of Chemical Agent and Toxic Industrial Material Detection Equipment for Emergency First Responders" This NIJ Guide for emergency first responders provides information about detecting chemical agents and toxic industrial materials and selecting equipment for different applications. http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/184449.htm

"An Introduction to Biological Agent Detection Equipment for Emergency First Responders, NIJ Guide 101-11" Draft report. http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/DRAFTGuide101.pdf

"Center for Civil Force Protection (CCFP)" Established in collaboration with Sandia National Laboratory, the Center provides physical security assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies, other organizations within State and local governments and private industry, in the areas of combating terrorism, school security, etc. http://www.justnet.org/ccfp/

"Office of Domestic Preparedness Weapons of Mass Destruction Training Program Course Catalog." This catalog is designed to provide emergency response personnel with comprehensive information regarding training courses and technical assistance offered by ODP. The catalog contains course descriptions and information on all weapons of mass destruction training courses and technical assistance developed and delivered by ODP and its training partners.

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/docs/coursecatalog.pdf

"In the Aftermath of Crisis: Parents' Guide for Talking to their Children" The National Center for Children Exposed to Violence (NCCEV) recently updated this guide in response to the September 11th terrorist attacks. The NCCEV guide summarizes what reactions in children to expect, what questions they are likely to have, and how to respond to such questions. http://www.nccev.org/resources/terrorism/parents-quide.html

"Bioterriorism Federal Research and Preparedness Activities" Describes federal activities related to public health and medical consequences of bioterrorist attacks against civilian population, coordination among federal agencies and any coordination shortcomings, and existing evaluations of effectiveness of these activities in preparing state and local authorities. http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d01915.pdf

"Disaster Rescue and Response Workers Factsheet" This fact sheet provides a brief overview of the unique stressors as well as the behavioral and emotional re-adjustment problems rescue workers face after a natural and/or human caused disaster. http://www.ncptsd.org/facts/disasters/fs_rescue_workers.html

"History of Chemical and Biological Detectors, Alarms, and Warning Systems" Highlights the long history of chemical and biological agent technology http://www.sbccom.apgea.army.mil/RDA/pmnbc/pdfs/detectors.pdf

"Patterns of Global Terrorism, 2000" Details assessment on significant terrorist acts in foreign countries. As an annual report to Congress, it is particularly concerned with those countries' incidents about which Congress was notified pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979. http://www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/pgtrpt/2000/

"Inventory of State and Local Law Enforcement Technology Needs to Combat Terrorism, 1999" Discusses results of an assessment of needed technologies to combat terrorism based on 1997 interviews and focus groups with State and local law enforcement officers and emergency management officials who coordinate agency responses to terrorist incidents. http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/173384.pdf

Domestic Preparedness Support Electronic Listserv and Newsletter The Domestic Preparedness Support Listserv is an electronic dissemination tool designed to provide State and local agencies with information on domestic preparedness, weapons of mass destruction, and counter terrorism issues. The listserv will include a daily update on terrorism activities around the world. It will also include a semi-monthly update on domestic preparedness issues such as events, new ODP programs, Fact Sheets, and announcements. http://odp.ncjrs.org/

Web Sites

"Governor's Task Force on Hate Crimes" Extensive information about hate crimes laws, resources, and contacts are available at the web sites of the Governor's Task Force on Hate Crimes: www.stopthehate.org and www.state.ma.us/stophate. The Task Force stands ready to assist police, schools, and community groups with technical information, training, and referrals. If you require further assistance, please contact the Task Force at either 617-727-6300 ext. 25339 (law enforcement & community groups) or 617-727-6300 ext. 25359 (schools).

"End Violence Against Women" web site www.endvaw.org provides policymakers, researchers, health communication specialists and others with the latest information and materials from around the world that are related to violence against women. The site allows the user to access policy documentation, articles and publications on the latest research, training materials and curricula, and communication materials such as videos, brochures and posters.

"State, Regional and Local Elder Abuse Coalitions National Directory" Nearly150 elder abuse coalitions operating in communities in 38 states are listed in the new National Center on Elder Abuse. www.elderabusecenter.org/commu/index.html

Terrorism Websites:

Publications on Terrorism and Domestic Preparedness - http://virlib.ncjrs.org/more.asp?category=51&subcategory=151

National Institute of Justice's (NIJ) Critical Incident Response/Counterterrorism Program These sites describes NIJ's portfolio of research and development: http://www.oip.usdoj.gov/nij/sciencetech/counter.htm; http://www.justnet.org/techproj/

Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Office for Domestic Preparedness - http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/

"Resources for Recovery" This web site provide resources to assist victims, family members, and concerned citizens; service providers and other allied professionals; and researchers in responding to terrorism. http://www.ncjrs.org/recovery/index.html

Technologies for Public Safety Response to Critical Incidents at OJP:

Research & Statistics: http://www.oip.usdoj.gov/technology/research statistics/public safety response.htm
Fielded Programs: http://www.oip.usdoj.gov/technology/fielded programs/public safety response.htm
Training & Technical Assistance: http://www.oip.usdoj.gov/technology/ta training/counterterrorism.htm

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/terrorism/whats_new.htm

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/terrorism/links.htm

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/terrorism/technical_assistance.htm

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/terrorism/field_tested_programs.htm

Oklahoma City Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism

http://www.mipt.org/

Institute for Security Technology Studies (Dartmouth College)

http://www.ists.dartmouth.edu/

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